Development of 500hp locomotives by BHEL

454. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BHEL Jhansi unit has developed a 500-hp thyristor control high technology locomotive without any technical collaboration;

(b) whether such locomotives have thus far been imported; if so, how many have been already imported and at what cost; and

(c) whether BHEL has also offered to produce 6,000hp high-tech-locomotives with certain collaboration; if so, what are the details of their offer; and whether the same was considered before placing the orders for such locomotives with ABB?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The 5000 HP locomotive is under development in BHEL.

(b) and (c) Indian Railways imported 18 nos. of 6000 HP Thyristor Electric locomotives in 1988 details of which are as under:—

(i) 6 Nos. 6000 HP 25 KV AC Bo-Bo-Bo Type Thyristor locomotives from ASEA/Sweden for total FOB value of SEK 190,935,979 (including spares),

(ii) 12 Nos. 6000 HP 25KV AC— 6 Nos. Bo-Bo-Bo and 6 Nos. Co-Co Type Thyristor locomotives from Sumitmo-Japan for total FOB value of Yen 5,278,370,600 (including spares).

On another tender for import of 30 Nos. of 6000 HP electric locomotives with 3-phase technology, BHEL had submitted their offer with their Japanese associates M/S. Hitachi through M/s. Sumitmo Corporation, Japan. Ministry of Railways found BHEL-Hitachi offer to be higher than the lowest evaluated offer of M/s. ABB/Switzerland on whom the purchase has since been finalised.

Setting up of Ancillary industries on Japanese pattern

455. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI:
DR. SANJAYA SINH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Awakening Movement of Freedom Fighters has recently urged upon the Government to organise a new sector of ancillary industries on the Japanese pattern;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Sale of interests of BHEL to multinational corporations

456. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newspaper report which appeared in the Times of India dated the 14th April, 1992 to the effect that the Centre is attempting to sell the interests of BHEL to multinational corporations;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) At present there is no proposal under consideration of the Government for foreign equity participation in BHEL.

Identification of PSU (S) for signing MOU (S)

457. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: